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12/7/01**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Barry Ross MATTHEWS et al.

Title: INHIBITION OF TOXIC
MATERIALS OR SUBSTANCES
USING DENDRIMERS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please substitute for original claims 8-13 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended and cancel claim 14. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

IN THE CLAIMS:

8. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein in said compound said anionic- or cationic-containing moiety or moieties are bonded to amine, sulfhydryl, hydroxy or other reactive terminal groups of the dendrimer by amide or thiourea linkages.

9. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein in said compound said anionic- or cationic-containing moieties are selected from the group consisting of sulfonic acid-containing moieties, carboxylic acid-containing moieties (including neuraminic and sialic acid-containing moieties and modified neuraminic and sialic acid-containing moieties), boronic acid-containing moieties, phosphoric and phosphonic acid-containing moieties (including esterified phosphoric and phosphonic acid-containing

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